

October 23, 2009

The Glastonbury Town Council
2155 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033

Re: Town Manager's Report

Dear Council Members:

The following will keep you up-to-date on various topics:

1. **Distinguished Budget Award:**

I am pleased to advise the Government Finance Officers Association has awarded Glastonbury the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and considers the final budget document based on several factors including a policy document, financial plan, operations guide and communications device. My thanks and congratulations to all involved in helping to receive this national recognition.

2. **Energy Efficiency and Green Initiatives:**

As you know, we have established energy efficiency and green initiatives as an organizational priority. This involves all areas of the Town organization and take a variety of forms including buildings, fleet, work practices, equipment, materials and supplies, and other similar items. Glastonbury has been recognized on a state and national level for a number of successes. As you know, Town Hall is recognized with the EPA Energy Star rating and the natural gas fueled vehicle program has received recognition from Connecticut CT Clean Cities.

Various initiatives are generally grouped under 5 categories as follows:

- Natural Resource Conservation and Management
- Waste Reduction and Recycling
- Energy Efficiency (Buildings and Infrastructure)
- Transportation (Fleet and Highway)
- Procurement and Work Practices

The attached pages summarize successes and initiatives under each category. Additional categories include potential and future initiatives and Glastonbury Goes Green bulletins. The bulletins are also attached and provide detailed information on a variety of successes and initiatives.

The objectives, successes, bulletins and information on Glastonbury's participation in the Community Clean Energy Program is posted to the Town's web site and will be updated periodically. Educational displays are also in place in Town Hall.

Glastonbury has proactively identified and implemented energy efficiency, alternate energy and green initiatives throughout the organization. This has engaged staff in every operating area. The initiatives have been well received and professional staff is certainly proud of their many successes.

3. **Magnet School:**

The various pre-design phases for the new Glastonbury-East Hartford magnet school building are proceeding concurrently. The professional service selection process is generally complete for design and construction of the new magnet school facility. This was completed in accordance with the new state process. Fletcher-Thompson will serve as project architect and Industrial Construction Company as construction manager. Both are well experienced for this project.

The ED049 grant application was submitted to the state on June 1, 2009 following purchase of the Oak Street site. The state has completed its review of the formal ED049 application and has verbally notified the Town that a formal letter of approval will be forwarded shortly. With this process complete,

Glastonbury is able to execute contracts and begin receiving state reimbursement. A requisition for reimbursement is prepared and will be submitted once the ED049 approval process is complete and sooner, as possible.

The design, review and approval process work will begin over the next several weeks and I will keep Council advised as to status and progress. There are a variety of moving parts which are concurrently/successfully moving forward on this project.

4. **Clean Cities Grant Award:**

A coalition of 29 agencies and municipalities throughout Connecticut have been awarded a \$13.1 million Department of Energy Grant. Glastonbury is one of the 29 grant participants with funds approved for a new fast fill natural gas fueling station in Glastonbury. Other communities participating in the award include Bridgeport, Fairfield and Meriden. Examples of other agencies among the 29 grant recipients are Connecticut Natural Gas, Manchester Honda, Connecticut Transit, Southern Connecticut Gas Company and others. The grant award will help deploy natural gas fueled vehicles, fueling stations and other improvements/alternate fuel statewide to reduce dependence on foreign oil and further alternate fuel technologies. Glastonbury is pleased to be included in this important grant award.

5. **Bike trail:**

The permitting process on the state, local and federal level continues. With feedback to date, it appears the permitting process will be finalized over the next several months.

6. **Tryon Street/Dug Road Drainage:**

Discussions continue with the landowner's counsel concerning the proposal drainage easement. I will keep you advised as to status.

7. **Communications Tower – 1040 Main Street:**

The attached pages summarize Conservation Commission's discussion and action concerning the telecommunications tower proposed for 1040 Main Street.

8. **Renewable Energy Generating Facility:**

Per the attached, the above referenced facility is proposed for approval at an existing CNG facility located near the intersection of Hebron Avenue and Chalker Hill. Adjacent landowners have been notified accordingly. The specific site is shown on the attached page. The project involves a fuel cell and related equipment.

9. **Crosswalk:**

Work is nearing completion on the new pedestrian crosswalk at Main and Rankin Road. This links to the adjacent Riverfront Park Trailhead.

I will be happy to review the preceding and any other items Tuesday evening.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

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